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Cuba Is Topic at ACC For Convocation Speaker

William D. Oltmans gave Auburn Community College its third annual lecture on first-hand information about foreign parts this morning, commenting that usually he is admonished to say nothing about Cuba, which was his topic today.

He asked, "Why, not long after tanks having been sent into Budapest, do we have Mr. and Mrs. Khrushchev in the White House when we won't talk with Castro? In '61 I said to Senator Wayne Morse, 'Don't underestimate Castro and the Cuban revolution.' That year we had the rehearsal on the beach, depending on CIA advice that people would arise and overthrow Fidel."

"They won't rise partly because they admire him for standing up to the U.S.A. They can't be sure Cuba has become a Communist police state."

"Castro is a Communist, lying by the book. He is erratic, unreliable, often unaccountable. I heard him give a television talk on edu-

cation. I saw him turn to one or another man who had the correct figures, then get tangled up with the sums, and quip, 'No wonder we have a deficit when I can't subtract.'"

Mr. Oltmans believes we might have a chance of weaning him away from Moscow, somewhat as Tito and Yugoslavia have managed a degree of independence. He thinks that Khrushchev is stuck with him, and scorns him, actually.

"Russia giving up Cuba, after all the millions invested, all the superfluous sugar bought, all the Black Sea oil shipped in? Sure, they loaded the missiles on the decks — and probably brought them right back by submarine. And when did the thousands of Russian military men get into Cuba? The last we knew there were 6,000, then 14,000."

"History isn't made by Hitler, Mussolini, Khrushchev, Castro, but by the mob. Castro is riding in a small boat on the crests of the waves. As I have travelled about the world, I have sensed that people want a change, and don't give a hoot about theories, Marxist or otherwise."

"Stevenson possibly may be out of the United Nations post, but he has done a very fine job."

"When Dean Rusk spoke in English when he addressed the Punta del Este conference, but people loved it when Jacqueline spoke a few words in Spanish, and Ethel a greeting in Japanese. How are we going to influence people if we're not willing to speak their languages?"

"I was told at the Pentagon that an invasion of Cuba would cost us 10,000 dead the first day."

"Khrushchev should be allowed to withdraw his troops quietly. Kennedy could not be expected to telegraph his punches, with charges of 'Managed news.'"

"There is some politically inspired criticism of the Peace Corps, but every country who has none is asking for more and in some cases Ghana for one paying half the expenses. I know that most of what I have learned has been in Ghana, United Nations, and I recommend it to you."

"I know that the students of Auburn are the hope of the world, but I don't know how to tell them the truth about Cuba."

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Mr. Oltmans, answering a question about Red China, said, "We could gradually resume relationships with them, short of formal recognition."

"The Communists are so sure of their ultimate triumph that they don't even get excited over temporary setbacks, but quietly bide their time."

In contrast, the speaker, without saying so, reminded his listeners of recent instances of foot-and-mouth disease.

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